

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-27 were pending in the application.

Applicants' attorney, Saeid Mirsafian, conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Sterling on August 26, 2008, to discuss the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Hibbard et al., (US 2,549,902). Applicants' attorney and the Examiner reached an agreement that the claims overcome the rejection over Hibbard et al., because Hibbard et al., does not teach or suggest "the distance between the two guiding pins changes when the first and second guide elements are displaced relative to each other." Applicants' attorney also agreed to change "whereby" in the claims to "wherein." Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for her time and effort in conducting the telephone interview.

Claims 1-16 and 18-21 have been rejected under 25 U.S.C. 102(b) over Hibbard et al. Claims 1 and 23 recite "wherein the distance between the two guiding pins changes when the first and second guide elements are displaced relative to each other." In contrast, Hibbard et al., does not teach or suggest the noted limitation of claims 1 and 23. Referring to FIG. 2 of Hibbard et al., the distance between the pins 50 does not change when the longitudinal member 28 is displaced relative to the side member 10. Therefore, Applicants believe that claims 1-16 and 18-23 are patentable over Hibbard et al.

Claims 17 and 22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Hibbard et al. Because claim 1 is patentable over Hibbard et al., claims 17 and 22 are also patentable over Hibbard et al.

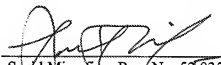
Claims 26 and 27 are allowed.

Claims 20, 21 and 25 have been indicated to be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Because claims 1 and 23 are patentable over Hibbard et al., claims 20, 21 and 25 are now in condition for allowance.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that claims 1-27 are now in condition for allowance and allowance of same is respectfully requested.

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